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Re: TOBACCO PRODUCT CONTAINING NICOTINE-RELEASING AGENT AND METHOD FOR UTILIZING THE SAME, Inventor - Inskeep
Our File 582-518, PM 472

Dear Thelma:

I have talked with the Examiner with regard to this application and he has indicated that he must adhere to the present rejection. However, there is a good chance that he will allow a continuation application if one were to be filed. The filing of such a continuation application would permit him to check for possible additional art relating to carbon black, as compared with activated carbon, so that he can make such art of record. He believes, however, that the art is not so close as to preclude obtaining allowance of a continuation application but its absence at the present time would make him uncomfortable about allowing the present application.

I hope to discuss this matter with you on your trip to New York next week and, if you agree, to file a continuation application.

Sincerely,

Howard K. Kothe

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